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Classified by A/DCM Helen H. Hahn for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Pol/Econ chief June 21 delivered reftel demarche on the "energy cycle" in the UN Commission on Sustainable Development to MFA Director for International Organization Affairs Ghassan Shaikho. Shaikho said there was a role for both negotiated texts and practical activities related to sustainable development, and did not want to dismiss the impact a negotiated text could have on a country that harms the prospects for sustainable development, such as a major polluter. He agreed that the non-negotiated outcomes provided experts with practical tools to promote sustainable development.

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